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ZIPPER/GVIA/USAGE Austria

SUBJEST (GENERAL) MOLA-3639, MAVA-6882, MAVA-6973, MASL-022 (letter three not to
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1. Several reports have been received recently from Austria which deal with the operations stemming from the Vorarlberg Security Office, with GVA and USAGE penetrations of that office, with Vienna source Greengrocer 1's interest in ZIPPER activities in Austria, etc. There is no indication either in the texts of these reports, which were not sent to Pullach, or in MOLA-3639 of just how much of the information contained in the conclusions reached were discussed with [redacted] during his last visit to Salzburg and Vienna, but it would appear that some of the information contained may partially answer some of the questions raised in MOLA-3639 or be of other interest to Pullach. The following accordingly is a summary of those portions of certain recent Salzburg and Vienna reports which we thought might be of use to you.

a. The Vorarlberg Security Office is headed by a "veteran police official with years of intelligence experience", who is assisted by a number of subordinate police officials. The latter, in turn control personally solicited sources which include the usual police informants as well as professional intelligence operatives. The head of the unit transmits reports to Vienna source Greengrocer 1 via the Security Director, Hans STEURMACHER, and also has liaison with German police in the border area for the purpose of exchanging policy file and background information. The operations of the Security Directorate are run, not by STEURMACHER himself, but by Dr. Erich MULLER and Albrecht DITSCHEK (reported by USAGE in MOLA-1586 and confirmed to [redacted] by MULLER in February 1950).

b. USAGE obtains reports collected by the Vorarlberg unit from Wolfram BITSCHEK, who receives them directly from MULLER. The latter's name has replaced that of DITSCHEK in recent USAGE source lists but MULLER still runs the operations and passes the reports.

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c. GVA has two channels into the Vorarlberg unit, one running from STEINBACH through BRASS, Police Director of Linz, Austria, and one running from MULLER directly to Rupert MANDL. Addition ly, MANDL has been assigned the task of penetrating USAGE contacts through MULLER.

d. The Vienna station has been unable to ascertain which of the connections between the Vorarlberg office and U. S. Intelligence Greengrocer 1 is aware of, or of the extent of the awareness of the Austrian Police of USAGE's position in the intelligence picture. (In the latter regard, one report received from a Vienna source described USAGE as an agent for CIO, while a traffic summons in late October 1950 was addressed to him via CIO Salzburg). Similarly, it is not clear whether Greengrocer 1 is aware of the original USAGE-ZIPPER connection or of the split between the two. The importance of determining whether Greengrocer 1 considers USAGE a representative of German intelligence is clear, however, since the bulk of the reports from the Vorarlberg office is obtained through USAGE, since one of Greengrocer 1's greatest desires is to eliminate German influence from intelligence operations in Austria, and since the elimination of ZIPPER from this one operation probably is the first step which he would like to take.

e. With regard to the BUZZI-CP courier route operation, Vienna states that on 11 October 1950 Greengrocer 1 adjudged the operational information obtained from Georgina BUZZI as fabrication. Verification was made by both Greengrocer 1 and STEINBACH, however, that Georgina BUZZI does exist and that that part of her vita concerned with Vienna is true beyond a reasonable doubt. It has also been ascertained that Vita DIETRICH does exist and that BUZZI was correct in her description of this woman.

2. Greengrocer 1's interest in certain USAGE sources and contacts and in ZIPPER cover firms operating in Austria seems fairly clear, in the light of the above noted penetrations of the Vorarlberg office. The reasons for the long noted duplication in Austrian reports is also somewhat clearer, in which regard we would like to ask whether USAGE can and will provide the names of sub-sources of persons listed in the attachment to MGLA-3989. The reports section recently brought it to our attention that USAGE report P/O1646, 20 June 1950, duplicated information previously received as MAV-2064 from a sub-source of Greengrocer 1; the source of the USAGE report apparently was a sub-source of Wilhelm DIETRICH (i.e., TT 2e), while Greengrocer 1's source of information similarly was not identified. We would also appreciate clarification as to why the information contained in MGLA-3989, just received, reached us some time ago with no explanation, as MAV-4-6956. This is a part only of the promised USAGE report tying in the new numbering system with the old, which we will hopefully hold in expectation of receiving the remaining identities and biographical material.

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